Misrepresentation of LOC in Kashmir

*67. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the Hammond Historical World Atlas (Vol. II) reportedly published by the American Atlas Maker Mesers Hammond in July this year showing the Line of Control in Kashmir as the permanent national border and the Indian side of Kashmir having been shown with rest of India in Pink-colour and the Pak-occupied Kashmir with Pakistan;

(b) whether Government consider it a violation of India's national integrity; and

(c) Government's reaponse and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Wrong depiction of India's International boundary in publications is regarded as a violation of National integrity. Whenever wrong depiction of India's International boundary in a publication are brought to the attention of the Government, the matter is taken up with the publishers with a view to getting the inaccuracies rectified. In case of foreign country's involvement in wrong depiction of India's International boundary, matter is taken up with the concerned foreign government through India's Missions/ Posts abroad, for necessary rectification. In the instant case, our Embassy in Washington has taken up the matter with Hammond publishers.

Cultivation of Argemone

*68. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the steps taken to prevent the cultivation of argemone to check the spread of dropsy disease in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): Argemone Mexicana is a weed and is not cultivated in the country. It grows on waste lands as also in the Mustard fields. In the cropped area of Mustard, this weed can be removed manually.

Computerised trunk Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

*69. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computerised trunk telephone exchanges functioning in Gujarat;

(b) the number of such exchanges proposed to be started in the State during the current year; and

(c) the details of telephone exchanges expanded during 1997-98 and proposed to be expanded in the State during 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Three.

(b) One.

(c) Details of telephone exchanges expanded during 1997-98 is as per statement-I (*See* below) and details of the telephone exchanges proposed to be expanded during 1998-99 is as per statement-II (*See* below).

Statement-I

Secondary switching area-wise details of the Telephone Exchanges expanded during 1997-98 in Gujarat Telecome. Circle

Sl. No.	Name of SSAs	No. of Telephone Exchanges Expanded	Total Equipped capacity added
1.	Ahmedabad	42	34896
2.	Amerli	55	6208
3.	Bharuch	44	6648
4.	Bhavnagar	25	19444
5.	Bhuj	52	14328
6.	Godhra	41	4968
7.	Himmatnagar	37	12692
8.	Jamnagar	31	7928
9.	Junagadh	45	11336
10.	Mehsana	75	14196
11.	Na-diad	59	9872
12.	Palanpur	53	7482
13.	Rajkot	52	14522
14.	Surat	33	17400
15.	Surenderangar	28	6760
16.	Vadodra	21	8142
17.	Valsad	56	19242

Statement-II

Secondary Switching Area-wise details of the Telephone Exchanges proposed to be expanded during 1998-99 in Gujarat Telecom Circle

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	No. of Telephone Exchange proposed to be expanded	Total Equipped Capacity proposed to be added
1.	Ahmedabad	74	46512
2.	Amreli	46	11184
3.	Bharuch	42	12112
4.	Bhavnagar	62	16120
5.	Bhuj	67	12052
6.	Godhra	46	6956
7.	Himmatnagar	80	11728
8.	Jamnagar	57	16828
9.	Junagadh	73	20580
10.	Mehsana	105	24708
11.	Nadiad	70	16608
12.	Palanpur	76	14292
13.	Rajkot	93	38748
14.	Surat	50	42492
15.	Surendranagar	46	4824
16.	Vadodhara	53	41776
17.	Valsad	50	32300